

U.S. Arts, Crafts Brd. to Print Special Banquet Publication

The U.S. Department of the Interior Indian Arts and Crafts Board is planning to print a special Alaska-oriented publication and that it will be printed to coincide with the date of the Tundra Times 7th Anniversary Banquet in Anchorage on October 4, 1969.

Myles Libhart, supervisor of museums, exhibitions and publications for the board, said that the publication would be aimed

to be of special interest in relation to the cultural theme of the Tundra Times banquet.

The theme of the October banquet is: "Cultural Contributions of the Native People of Alaska."

Myles Libhart on June 11 wrote Tundra Times editor Howard Rock that the board was contemplating issuing the special publication. Libhart inquired about the estimate of the ban-

quet attendance.

"On the basis of your estimate, we are moving ahead with plans for the Board publication, which we hope to be able to issue in time for the banquet," said Libhart. "We shall be able to forward definite word to you on this by late August or early September."

At that time, Libhart said, the board hopes to work out an

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exclusive release to the Tundra Times for a review of the publication.

"Such publicity coverage would be most valuable to this Board's programs by helping to underscore our cooperative endeavors with Indian and Eskimo peoples to provide a professional basis for promotion, interpretation and education relative to their arts and culture." Libhart stated.

Chairman of the Indian Arts and Crafts Board, Vincent Price, has been invited by Tundra Times to be the keynote speaker at the October banquet of the newspaper. Price has accepted the invitation on a tentative basis giving as his reason the staggered times of his movie schedules.

Vincent Price is a longtime movie favorite in the nation as well as internationally. He is also a widely known art critic. He has long been interested in the arts of the Indians, Eskimos and Aleuts.

Tundra Times 7th anniversary banquet will be held in the ballroom of the Anchorage-Westward Hotel in Anchorage. The ballroom seats about 650 people banquet style. In the event of an overflow, the hotel management said the Commodore Room will be made available which seats about 200 people.

Efforts by the board of directors of Tundra Times are being made to assemble art items from

towns and villages of Alaska to be exhibited at Museum and Fine Arts Building, 121 W. 7th Ave., Anchorage, Alaska 99501.

All items will be for sale unless otherwise requested by the artists. When they are sent to the above address, they should be designated, "To Tundra Times Arts and Crafts Exhibit." The arts and crafts will be handled by professional staff of the Anchorage museum.

Chief Executive of the State of Alaska, Gov. Keith H. Miller, has accepted the banquet invitation as well as congressional delegation in Washington.

The Alaska Federation of Natives will also be holding its annual convention on or around the October 4 banquet date and most or all of some 250 delegates are expected to attend.

The state legislators and many other dignitaries will be invited. Anchorage-Westward Hotel will furnish a block of rooms at a special rate for some of the people who will come to the banquet. Other hotels in Anchorage are expected to do the same.

The dress for the annual dinner will be semi formal. The admission price will be \$25 per couple and \$15 for single. There will be a no host cocktail hour prior to the banquet in the lobby of the Anchorage-Westward Hotel.

Additional information on the banquet will be publicized as the program develops.